

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**BMW LASQUETI ISLAND REGATTA**

Presented by  
SCHOONER COVE YACHT CLUB

**May 31 2025**

**1. Rules**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028* (RRS).

1.2 If there is any conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) outside the Afterdeck.

1.3 Monohull boats participating in the BMW Lasqueti Island Race must be equipped to **PIYA** Safety Equipment Requirements (SER revised January 1, 2022) "Coastal", with the exception of the changes noted in section 2.2 of the Notice of Race (NOR).

1.4 RRS 52, Manual Power, is amended wherein boats entered as a double-handed crew are allowed to use an autopilot for sail changes and other situations where having one crew member assigned to steering the boat may compromise the safety of the crew and craft.

1.5 PHRF BC Rules will apply to all monohull boats racing under a PHRF handicap.

1.6 PHRF NW Rules will apply to all multihull boats.

1.7 After sunset, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) shall replace Part 2 of the RRS. Sunset will be 21.12 on May 31 2025.

## **2. Race Schedule**

- 2.1 For Divisions Two and Three, the first warning signal will be at 0855. For a 09.00 start
- 2.2 For Division Four the warning signal will begin at 9.10 Start at 09.15..
- 2.3 For Division One and Five the first warning signal will be at 0955 with a 10.00 start
- 2.4 The division splits will be posted on the ONB prior to the Race.
- 2.5 Each boat shall, while racing, fly from her backstay or other prominent position on the stern of the boat, the coloured pennant indicating its Division. Division pennants will be issued at the Registration Desk.

## **3. The Course**

- 3.1 The course around Lasqueti Island will be either clockwise or counterclockwise and is weather dependent.
- 3.2 The marks of a clockwise course are:
- on the outbound leg, Gerald Island must be kept to starboard;
  - Lasqueti Island must be kept to starboard;
  - Both Fegan Islets and Finnerty Islets must be kept to starboard;
  - On the inbound leg, Rabbit, Sheer, Jedidiah and Jervis Islands must be kept to starboard, Ballenas Island to port and Gerald Island to port.
- 3.3 The marks of a counter-clockwise course are:
- on the outbound leg, Gerald Island must be kept to starboard;
  - Ballenas Island must be kept to starboard;
  - Rabbit, Sheer, Jedediah and Jervis Islands must be kept to port;
  - Both Fegan Islets and Finnerty Islets must be kept to port;
  - On the inbound leg, Gerald Island must be kept to port.
- 3.4 The direction of the course and any additional marks will be announced at the skippers meeting and posted to the Official Notice Board.
- 3.5 Boats shall not impede or obstruct commercial traffic including the passage of large vessels including cargo vessels, tugs with tows, ferries and naval vessels. Failure to follow this rule may result in disqualification.

## **4. The Start**

4.1 The start line for all divisions will be immediately east of the breakwater. The Race Committee shall be on shore and will be displaying an orange flag. *(At the west end of the start line there will be a stay away buoy indicating shallow water all vessels must stay east of this mark.)*

4.2 The start line will be from the orange flag to a start buoy.

4.3 If the crew racing is different from that recorded at registration the Race Committee must be advised before the start of the race for that division. This can be done by texting the Race Officer @ 250-248-7753

4.4 Flag signals will be displayed on shore by the Race Committee. The Race Committee will sound a horn at the minute intervals of 5, 4, 1 and start. Additionally, as a courtesy, they will broadcast on VHF Channel 73 a 10 second count down to start.

4.5 For all Divisions, a warning horn will occur at 5 minutes before the race start.

4.6 In the event of individual recall(s), the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast sail number(s) and or boat name on VHF channel 73. Failure to make a broadcast or for a competitor to hear a broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

4.7 In the event of a general recall(s) the Race Committee will start the same fleet as had the general recall with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

4.8 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

## **5. The Finish**

4.1 The finish line will be the start line. After sunset there will be range lights solid yellow over alternating yellow in line with the orange flag.

4.2 Boats should advise the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 approximately 5 minutes before crossing the finish line.

4.3 Boats when crossing the finish line after dark should shine a light on their sail numbers. Absent a sail number they should shine a light on the name of the boat.

4.4 No horn will blow when boats cross the finish line, but a light signal will be given.

4.5 Boats withdrawing from the race shall notify the Race Committee on VHF Channel 73 or by cellphone by calling/texting Joe Skipsey, the Race Officer, (250) 248-7753.

4.6 No finishes for the BMW Lasqueti Island Race will be recorded after 0000 hours June 1. Boats that do not cross by 0000 hours will be scored as Did Not Finish (DNF).

## **6. Shortened Course Provisions**

6.1 If no boat in a division finishes the course by 0000 hours June 1<sup>st</sup> the shortened course provision will apply for that division.

6.2 All boats must record the GPS time in hours, minutes and seconds when the Fegan Islet Light at the northwest corner of Lasqueti Island bears due south or 180 degrees True (169 degrees Magnetic) OR the GPS time when the boat crosses Longitude 124 degrees 23.00' W. Boats should also note the name of the boats immediately ahead and behind them.

6.3 Each Skipper's Package will include a Shortened Course Form. This form must be completed and turned into the SCYC at lock box next to the notice board at the regatta event tent no later than 0130 hours, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

## **7. Penalty System**

For all competitors rule 44.1 remains unchanged with respect to one or two turn penalties.

## **8. Protests and Requests for Redress**

8.1 A boat intending to register a protest must inform the Race Committee shortly after finishing the race or when it withdraws from the race.

8.2 A Protest Form will be provided with the Skipper's Package.

8.3 Completed forms must be deposited in the SCYC lock box next to the notice board at the Regatta event tent no later than 01.30 hours, June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025.

8.4 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0700 June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

## **9. Engine Propulsion**

9.1 A boat shall be protested for using an engine for propulsion except when she is:

- (a) in danger of being run down or impeding commercial traffic.
- (b) in a situation that the boat or crew is in danger.
- (c) required to aid another boat or its crew.
- (d) engaged in search and rescue activities.

With regards to (a) and (b) above the boat's competitive position may not be improved. If engine propulsion is used the skipper must file a report by 0130 June 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 in the SCYC lock box next the notice board at the Regatta event tent to the Race Committee that they are requesting a time allowance redress. The report shall include the time when propulsion was used, the speed, compass heading, position and duration along with the names of any witnesses to the event. A boat shall not gain competitive advantage from any time allowance granted.

## **10. Scoring**

10.1 Time on Distance scoring will be used for all divisions. Low point scoring will be used for all divisions.

## **11. Radio Communications**

11.1 The Race Committee will be monitoring channel 73 throughout the race and all race boats should also monitor channel 73. The Race Committee can also be reached via cellphone to Joe Skipsey, Race Officer, (250) 248-7753.

11.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make voice or data transmissions while racing nor receive voice or data communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and other devices.

11.3 Radio communications with commercial traffic is encouraged for safety reasons.

## **12. Disclaimer of Liability**

12.1 Competitors participating the BMW Lasqueti Island Race do so entirely at their own risk. See the RRS fundamental rule 3, Decision to Race.

12.2 Overall Responsibility: In accordance with Section 1.2 of the 2022 Pacific International Yachting Association's Safety Equipment Requirements (SER), (for monohulls) and Section 2.0 of the 2025 BMW Lasqueti Island Regatta Notice of Race, competitors acknowledge and agree that the safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the "person in charge", as per RRS rule 46, who shall ensure that the boat is seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew with sufficient ability and experience to face bad weather. S/he shall be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. S/he shall ensure that all safety equipment is at all times properly maintained and safely stowed and the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. S/he shall also nominate a person to take over the responsibilities of the Person in Charge in the event of his/her incapacitation. The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

12.3 The Schooner Cove Yacht Club and the BMW Lasqueti Island Regatta Planning Committee do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the BMW Lasqueti Island Race.

## **13. Trash Disposal**

A competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. This rule applies at all times while afloat. The penalty for a breach of this rule may be disqualification.